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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

REF: STATE 177789

1. IMPORTATION OF WEAPONS ALL KINDS INTO JAPAN IS RIGIDLY CONTROLLED BY THE GOJ. THE TWO LEGISLATIVE CONTROLS ON WEAPONS SALES AND POSSESSION ARE QTE THE FIREARMS AND SWORDS POSSESSION CONTROL LAW UNQTE AND THE QTE EXPLOSIVES CONTROL LAW UNQTE. IMPORT QUOTA RESTRICTIONS ARE USED TO CONTROL THE IMPORT OF ITEMS COVERED UNDER THESE TWO LAWS.

2. GOJ REQUIRES LICENSE TO IMPORT SUBJECT ITEMS. MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MITI, ISSUES LICENSE FOR IMPORT AFTER PROSPECTIVE IMPORTER HAS OBTAINED APPROVAL TO SELL WEAPONS FROM THE PREFECTURAL GOV'T. TO OBTAIN PREFECTURAL GOV'T APPROVAL, IMPORTER MUST UNDERGO THOROUGH POLICE INVESTIGATION AND PROVIDE PROOF OF RESPONSIBILITY AND GOOD COMMERCIAL REPUTATION.

3. WHOLESALE/RETAIL GUN DEALERS MUST RECORD ALL SALES OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION AND KEEP RECORDS FOR PREVIOUS TWO YEARS. BUYER MUST UNDERGO MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION BY MEDICAL DOCTOR AS WELL AS SUBMIT TO BACKGROUND CHECK BY LOCAL POLICE. GUN MUST BE REGISTERED WITH LOCAL POLICE STATION AND ANY CHANGE IN SITUATION MUST BE REPORTED TO POLICE
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